

WI-178  
Mary Wesley Crawford House  
Quantico  
Private

c. 1890

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Mary Wesley Crawford House

MHT Inventory Number: WI-178

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
Industrial-Urban Dominance,  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-178

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic MARY WESLEY CRAWFORD HOUSE

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number West side of Main Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Quantico ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Holloway

street & number P O Box 55 telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code MD 21856

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 308

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 423

city, town Salisbury state MD 21803

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Mary Wesley Crawford house is located on the west side of Main Street in Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, tee-shaped frame house faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1890, this two-story, tee-shaped frame dwelling is supported on a low brick foundation, and it is clad with a layer of asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The eaves to the roof are open with exposed and decorated rafter feet. Interior brick chimneys rise through the center of the house.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a projecting front bay and a recessed wall that includes the front entrance. The replacement front door and an adjacent two-over-two sash window are sheltered by a shed roofed porch. The second floor is lighted by two-over-two sash windows. Centered on the roof of the north leg of the tee is a cross gable.

The north gable end and the south side of the house are marked by two-over-two sash windows on each floor. A single-story shed addition is attached to the back of the house.

The interior is being gutted and remodeled with the walls stripped down to the studs.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The house is classified under Category C, which identifies dwellings where alterations should be considered carefully, since it is a property which adjoins a site listed in categories A and/or B.



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Quantico, Maryland  
Chain of title

308/423                      Ruby Taylor Crawford

to

12/16/1948                  C. Edward and Eva M. Holloway  
...being bounded on the South by the  
Protestant Episcopal Church Rectory lot

Last will and testament of  
John Wesley Taylor

to, daughter

12/30/1859                  Mary Wesley Crawford

and being also land which was devised unto  
Ruby Taylor Crawford under the Last will  
and testament of Mary Wesley Crawford, late  
of Wicomico County, who departed this life  
during or about the year 1916 her said will  
being admitted to probate in Orphan's Court  
for Wicomico County, on November 16, 1948  
JAH 3/258



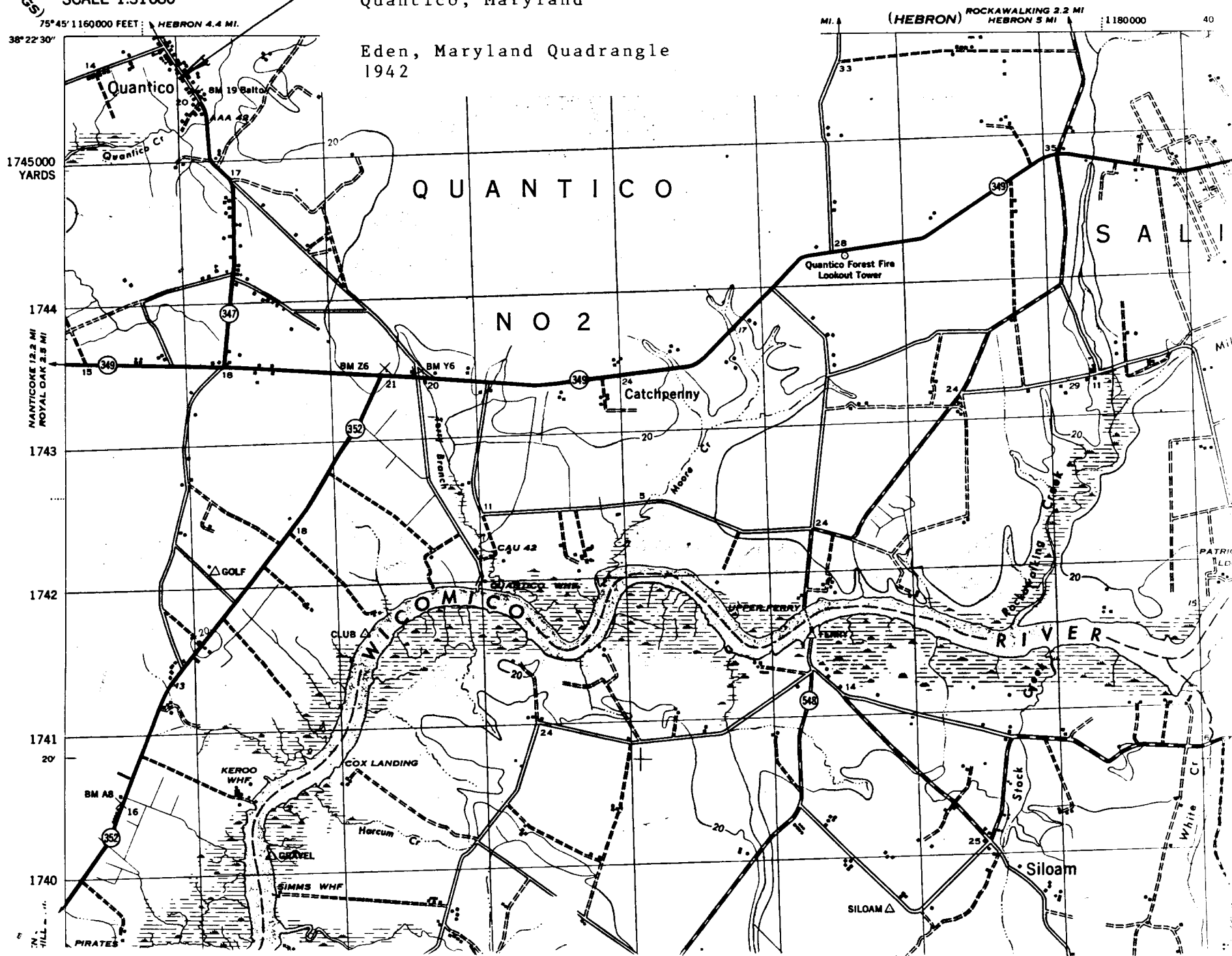


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WAR DEPARTMENT  
PS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY

Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942





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Quantico, Nicomaco Co., MD.

EAST ELEVATION

10/93, Paul Towart, PHOTOGRAPHER

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